Greetings to all,

Here we are in December and the Holidays are upon us. We are planning our seasonal parties and getting ready for Christmas and New Year’s. Before we know it, we will be meeting the Grim Reaper and the Baby, leaving 2020 behind us and ushering in the New Year 2021.

New Year’s Eve Celebration Party tickets are on sale now. Please see Kathy Wright, our Banquet / Bar Manager, for menu options, ticket cost and to reserve your table.

Bingo resumed play last month, and of course, all of the mask and social distancing rules in effect must be followed. The capacity of the room for Bingo is 84 seats. The doors open at 4:00PM with the first game starting at 6:00PM. We had a good turnout for the opening night and expect the number of players to increase as the word gets out that we are open.

The Christmas Basket committee will be accepting canned and boxed foods as well as gifts for the children for the next few days to be donated to families in need. Please let your heart be your guide to help make a Christmas possible for families who would otherwise not be blessed to have one. Our retiring Christmas Basket Committee Chairman, Ed Wdowiak, has not had anyone or any team step forward to take the reins on this committee. If you are interested or would like to talk to Ed about it go into the office, and ask her to contact Ed for you. It’s that easy! Ed is willing to work with you to help you get your feet on the ground and become comfortable with the program this year and will help you next year.

Clothe a Child has been canceled this year due to the closing of the K Mart store who for many years provided the venue for the kids to shop. The Elks and Elkettes have constructed a “Giving Tree” in lieu of Clothe a Child. How it works is, Children who have been vetted as in need, have had their names placed on the tree. You pick a child’s name from the tree, shop for them, and take the wrapped gifts to the Lodge Office. The Lodge will deliver the gifts to Haven House, who will distribute the gifts to the child.

I checked the Arizona Department of Health Services website. Dancing is still prohibited. Sorry!

I wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Stay well and safe.

Fraternally,
Bill Horton
Exalted Ruler

“Together we will get things done”
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LAKE HAVASU CITY
LODGE 2399 OF THE
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PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS
OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA

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Carolyn Dieter
Karen Turpin
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BANQUET/BAR MGR
Kathy Wright

Attend Meetings
Lodge business is conducted during the official Lodge Meetings and not at the end of the bar. Squelch rumors by getting the facts during a Lodge Meeting, House Committee Meeting, or Trustee Meeting.

Check the calendar for meeting times.

Donations October 2020

From VGabonds
DAV ----------------------- $250.00
Standoow ----------------------- 2,500.00

TOTAL ----------------------- $2,750.00

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY
The Lodge is looking for a volunteer to take over as Christmas Basket Committee Chair. Our current Chair, Ed Wdowiak will take as much time as needed to train someone in this very special and rewarding program.
If you are interested contact either:
Ed Wdowiak at 928-453-0370
or
Elizabeth Ledingham in the Lodge Office

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Jackie Turcotte
Wapiti Wind Editor

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www.elks.org for any information regarding Elkdom.
www.arizonaelksassociation.org for any information about our state association.
elks2399.com for Lodge 2399 information.

Auditing & Acct.
Chairman
Audit/Act.
Inventory
Activities Committee
Bingo
Blood Drive
Bowling
Bulk Mailing
Christmas Baskets
Clothe-A-Child
Community Activities
Decorating Committee
Drug Awareness
Entertainment Committee
Fishing Club
Golf League
Grants Administrator
Hamburger Night
Hi-Way Cleanup
Hoop Shoot
Hot Dogs
Information Technology
Lodge Activities
Long Range Planning
Monday Night Dancers
PER President
Public Relations
Queen of Hearts
RV Club (Vagabonds)

Marty Gillispie
Wayne Adler
Denise Robbins
Paulette Nainteau
Jackie Turcotte
Steve Shirley
Bob Clark
Ed Wdowiak
Debbie Herd
Jackie Turcotte
Karen Bell
Mike Arlowe
Ed Wdowiak
Kay Wdowiak
Jerry Boyce
Scott Brown
Debbie Herd
Eva Fox
John Bell
Steve Bennett
Larry Westerfield
Gary Parsons
Gary Parsons
Jim Joubert
Patrick Lee
Gary Parsons
Jackie Turcotte
Eva Fox
Debbie Vail
Janet Sims

RV Parking
Bob Clark
Scholarships
Barbara Volk
Soccer Shoot
Steve Bennett
Special Olympics
Art Flesham
Volunteer Coordinator
Elizabeth Ledingham
Yacht Club Commodore
Sandy Bigham
Youth Activities
Debbie Herd
All American Lodge/Training
Americanism
Constitution & By-Laws
Elks National Foundation
Flag Day
Elks Training
Government Relations
Guest Monitoring
Interview Committee
Orientation
Lodge Inspection/Accident
Major Projects
Major Projects (Purple Pig)
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Veterans Services
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Gary Parsons
Sue Thomas
Gary Parsons
Marti Johnson
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Bob Clark
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Debbie Horton
Tracy Konkel
Paullette Nainteau
Karen Travers
Jay Bidwell
Hank Thonnard
Pauline Thonnard
Jim Joubert
Ron Buxes
Bud Watts
Jackie Turcotte

ELK OF THE MONTH
2020-2021
April 2020
Sandi Stillwell
May 2020
Gina James
June 2020
Kathy Wright
July 2020
Kevin Rogers

VOLUNTEERS
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Please contact Elizabeth Ledingham:
E-mail: escogan@yahoo.com
Phone: 661-644-5656
(If no answer, please leave a message)
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Some information was not available in time for printing. For up to date information on calendar events, please go to our Lodge website:

elks2399.com

Happy New Year!
HALLOWEEN AT THE LODGE

Lodge members showed their fun side by donning some very interesting costumes at our recent Halloween Party.

Best Children’s Costume
Superhero
Preston Shows

Best Couples Costume
Moth and Flame
Jeff and Rachel Shows

Best Male Costume
Dancing Fireman
Braeden Nickels

Best Female Costume
Glowing Zombie
Gina James

District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler - West District Roger Ehrlich Lodge Visit

DDGER Ehrlich is greeted at the Lodge by Officers, PERs and Committee Chairs.

DDGER Ehrlich and acting ER Gary Parsons review committee reports.

Rather than receive a gift, DDGER Ehrlich requested a donation be made in his name to ENF. Here PDDGER and Protocol Chair Hank Thonnard presents the DDGER a certificate in his name for $100.00 to ENF.

DDGER Ehrlich addresses members present at the Lodge meeting.
Greetings all,

December is here. My, has this strange year flown by. We have some fun events coming up this month. December 5th, is Kids Turn to Shop. This will be a pared down event compared to the past. We will be following social distancing procedures to ensure the safety of all. This event always fills your heart with joy and is a great way to start the holiday season.

On December 12th, the Elkettes are holding the annual Christmas Dinner and all are welcome. Tickets are $18. New Elkettes and past Presidents are free, whether you pay or receive a complimentary ticket you will need to pick them up in the office. We will be having a full turkey dinner and desert. Double Shot of Crown will be the entertainment. As with all events happening during this time, social distancing will be respected.

Due to the fact that we are not able to have Cloth A Child this year we have a new program called The Giving Tree. You are able to adopt a child in need and provide a Merry Christmas for them. Tags are in the foyer by the office Monday through Friday, 8am–4pm, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evening 4pm–7pm in the lodge. Also, See’s Candy is being sold in the Foyer, get yours before it is gone.

We still have 52 Club Raffle tickets available, if you would like one please contact me, I will be happy to get one to you. Thank you all for stepping up and volunteering to cover pies. We continue to need volunteers so our pie program can run smoothly and no one person is shoudering all the responsibility. If you enjoy talking to people, meeting new people you will definitely have a good time selling pie. Please sign up on calendars posted on the Elkette storage room door in the lodge room.

Our donation for Food4Kids has been extraordinary, I thank each and everyone of you for your generosity, it feels me up with such joy. We will continue collecting food at our monthly meetings. Thank you Karen Bell, (John too) and all the Elkettes who made decorations and decorated the lodge for Christmas, it is beautiful! We appreciate all your hard work.

I wish each and every one of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Vanessa Brewster,
Elkettes President
Lhcelkettes2399@gmail.com
707-363-1355

The Elkettes collected food for donation to H.A.V.E.N. Food 4 Kidz Program. This program provides food to homeless and at risk children on the weekends because hunger doesn’t take the weekend off. Surrounded by Elkettes, H.A.V.E.N. Executive Director Mary Lou O’Connell (in pink) accepted the donations.

Al and Kay Jedrey devoted many years to the Lodge as our decorators. They saw to it that the Lodge was not only decorated, but those decorations corresponded with whatever holiday or event was happening.

They were surprised recently when the Elkettes presented them a plate on the Move Forward board to thank them for their many years of dedication and service to the Lodge.

Thank you Al and Kay. Your hard work is greatly appreciated.
FISHING CLUB NEWS

The dates for the December Derby’s are Wednesday, December 9th and Wednesday, December 16th from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Weight-in is at Windsor Beach South with scales open from 12:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Lunch will be served at the Lodge after the fish cleaning process.

The Board of Directors will meet at the Lodge on Monday, December 7th at 11:00 a.m. The Club’s General Meeting will be held on Saturday, December 19th after our Christmas dinner.

The Fishing Club’s Annual Christmas dinner will be held in the Lodge room on Saturday, December 15th. Social Hour begins at 5 p.m. with dinner served at 6:00 p.m.

The Club’s Board of Directors will roll call all members to confirm attendance. Paid up Fishing Club members are guests of the Club. All others will be charged $15.00 each. The Elks Lodge required that all dinners ordered be paid for regardless of attend-

ance, so all Fishing Club members will be charged for “no shows”. As always, widows are our welcome guests.

The Election of Officers for the year 2021 at our Christmas Meeting resulted in the following:

President        Jerry Boyce
Vice President   Ken Miller
Treasurer        Cippy Evans
Secretary        Jennie Robertson
Event Co-Ordinators Joe Evans, Dave Barthelmeh, and Larry Boles

Want to join the Elks Fishing Club? Applications are located on the Fishing Club bulletin board in the back of the room next to the bar. After filling out the form, place the application in the blue box with a check. DO NOT turn it in to the office.

Any questions, call Jerry Boyce (928) 208-1073 or email me at jerryboyce0616@gmail.com

VAGABONDS CLUB NEWS

By now you have probably had your fill of turkey and Thanksgiving is only a memory – hopefully a good memory with family and friends. We do have much to be thankful for, especially living in a paradise like Lake Havasu.

Now it’s time to focus on Christmas. Our Christmas party is December 6th. At this point, we are not able to have dancing due to the Covid restrictions. It will be different this year, but I think we are all used to things being different. We have a fun group so I expect it will be a fun party regardless of the restrictions.

Here’s our camping schedule for the coming months. January will be a no-host camping in Quartzsite. We camp in the desert and it’s dry camping. The big white tent will be there January 16th through the 24th. In March we are hoping to get spaces at the AVI and this will be hosted by Omer & Donna Ethier and Al & Marti Johnson. There will be more information on this at a later date once we get the spots secured.

We are looking at Wickenburg in May or October, or both. We need someone to host this campout.

GOLF CLUB NEWS

The Elks Men’s Golf Club donated $400.00 to the Lake Havasu Golf Club Adaptive Golf to support Youth and Special Needs Golfers. Picture from left: Jacob Roy, PGA Apprentice, Jerry Pockrandt, Elks Golf Vice President, Scott Brown, Elks Golf President, Craig Adams, PGA Professional, Matt Winters, Lake Havasu Golf Club Operations Manager.

ATTENTION ELKS BOWLERS

January 7,2021 is the start date for session 2 of the Elk’s bowling league.

Get your teams together and join the fun. If you don’t have a team but still would like to bowl, that’s ok too, contact me and I will try to place you on a team.

Carol Sigler - (928)412-0193.

MOTOR CYCLE RIDERS

PLEASE NOTE.

The first meeting of Elks Lodge 2399 newly formed motor cycle group has been cancelled.
A special guest was in attendance at our annual Veterans Dinner. Kate Ponsen, who will celebrate her 92nd birthday this month, is a Gold Star Mom. Her son, John Carroll was killed in Vietnam while serving in the Army. John is a hero for what he did for his country, and Kate, so are you - as are all Gold Star Moms.

Although seating was limited, the Lodge room was filled to capacity at the annual Veterans Dinner. State and City Officials as well as veterans from all branches of the military were there to pay tribute to Veterans past and present. Thank you to Bud and Diane Watts for putting together a beautiful presentation.

Veterans Day Lunch

Volunteers got together at the Lodge to cook up burgers, hot dogs and fries for all Veterans. Approximately 100 Veterans came to the Lodge for a free meal and wonderful companionship.

Thank you to all Veterans past and present. You are the best.
IN GOD WE TRUST

Thank you to all who donated coats this year. Your donation will keep a homeless or needy citizen warm this winter.

Jim Travis and the Elkettes

Christmas Baskets

I am looking for someone interested in taking over as Christmas Basket Chairperson.

If interested please know I will work with you closely this year and next year teaching you the “ins and outs” of this program so that you will feel comfortable to take it over on your own the following year. Call me at 928-453-0370.

Thank You,
Ed Wdowia
Christmas Basket Chairman

Clothe A Child / The Giving Tree

Greetings Members All,

With Clothe A Child being canceled due to Covid-19, the lodge is supporting a new program for this year’s Holiday Season, “The Giving Tree”. This is similar to the Angel trees you see in stores. You will be able to select a Giving Tree Tag off the tree and purchase the items listed for a child in need. You can pick up a Giving Tree Tag in the office Monday through Friday 8 am - 4 pm. For those not available during the day, tags are available on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 4 pm - 7 pm in the lodge. We will be collecting the wrapped gifts and dispersing them to the families at a select date in December. Please have gifts to the office by December 20th.

We are asking Clubs and individuals who don’t want to shop to give a donation to the Office. Please write checks to Elks 2399 and add “The Giving Tree” in the subject and the committee will shop for you. It takes between $75 and $100 dollars to sponsor a child. Cash also accepted. Donate whatever you can. Please think outside of the box. Work in partners to sponsor a child or to make a donation. These families have been suffering because of Covid-19 and it’s time we give them some much needed relief. With your help, we are hoping to sponsor 100 children and bring them Christmas Cheer.

Benevolence is what we are about and let’s show that to our community this Christmas season. Thank you all for your support.

Sincerely,
Debbie Herd
Clothe A Child Chair

To Our Absent Members

Robert Dumont
Gary Smith
Carroll “Buck” Staley
Richard Gillette
Michael Schuler

Until the Hour of Eleven
Regularly Returns